GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PRIVATISATION OF HEALTH SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise health services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, territory-wise;

(c) whether the privatisation of health services would ensure prompt and effective treatment to the people of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)to(e): In view of the commercial nature of operation, high cost of treatment and the urban and semi-urban bias in location of private hospitals, a large segment of rural poor will have no access to such health care services.